

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A personal communication device comprising:
  - 5 a) at least one packet communication interface;
  - b) a control system associated with the at least one packet communication interface and adapted to:
    - 10 i) provide a plurality of packet communication clients, which are associated with unique IDs for facilitating packet communications with the plurality of packet communication clients; and
    - 15 ii) establishing packet communications with each of the plurality of packet communication clients via the at least one packet communication interface, the packet communications for each of the plurality of packet communication clients associated with a corresponding one of the IDs.
2. The personal communication device of claim 1 further comprising a user interface associated with the control system wherein the user interface and the control system are adapted to cooperate to provide a single interface for each of the plurality of communication clients.
3. The personal communication device of claim 2 wherein a user selects certain of the plurality of packet communication clients that are active at any given time.
4. The personal communication device of claim 2 wherein the control system is further adapted to combine certain communication information associated with the packet communications for each of the plurality of packet communication clients into a common database and make the communication information available to a user via the user interface.

5. The personal communication device of claim 2 wherein the control system is further adapted to store certain communication information associated with the packet communications for each of the plurality of packet communication clients in separate databases and make the communication information available to a user via the user interface.  
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6. The personal communication device of claim 5 wherein the control system is further adapted to combine certain of the communication information associated with the packet communications for each of the plurality of packet communication clients into a common database and make the communication information available to the user via the user interface.  
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7. The personal communication device of claim 1 wherein the control system is further adapted to register each of the plurality of packet communication clients with at least one service node to enable communications.  
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8. The personal communication device of claim 7 wherein the control system is further adapted to register certain of the plurality of packet communication clients with different service nodes.  
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9. The personal communication device of claim 1 wherein a first of the plurality of packet communication clients is associated with a personal communication ID and a second of the plurality of packet communication clients is associated with a business related communication ID.  
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10. The personal communication device of claim 1 wherein the at least one packet communication interface facilitates wireless communications.  
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11. The personal communication device of claim 1 wherein the at least one packet communication interface facilitates wired communications.

12. The personal communication device of claim 1 further comprising a cellular communication interface associated with the control system, the control system further adapted to provide a cellular communication client associated with at least one cellular directory number and establish cellular communications via the cellular communication interface.
13. The personal communication device of claim 1 further comprising a non-packet communication interface associated with the control system, the control system further adapted to provide at least one non-packet communication client associated with a directory number and establish non-packet communications via the non-packet communication interface.
14. The personal communication device of claim 13 further comprising a user interface associated with the control system wherein the user interface and the control system are adapted to cooperate to provide a common interface for each of the plurality of packet communication clients and the at least one non-packet communication client.
15. The personal communication device of claim 14 wherein the control system is further adapted to combine certain communication information associated with the packet and non-packet communications for each of the plurality of packet communication clients and the at least one non-packet communication client into a common database and make the communication information available to a user via the user interface.
16. The personal communication device of claim 14 wherein the control system is further adapted to store certain communication information associated with the packet and non-packet communications for each of the plurality of packet communication clients and the at least one non-packet communication client in separate databases and make the communication information available to the user via the user interface.

17. The personal communication device of claim 16 wherein the control system is further adapted to combine certain of the communication information associated with the packet and non-packet communications for each of the plurality of packet communication clients and the at least one non-packet communication client into a common database and make the communication information available to the user via the user interface.
18. The method of claim 17 wherein the communication information includes at least one of the group consisting of call logs, messages, contact information, and directory information.
19. The method of claim 1 wherein the unique IDs are Session Initiation Protocol IDs.
20. The method of claim 1 wherein different ones of the packet communication sessions are established through different access points at different locations.
21. The method of claim 1 wherein each of the plurality of packet communication clients may initiate and terminate communication sessions.
22. A method for supporting a plurality of communication clients in a personal communication device comprising:
- a) providing a plurality of packet communication clients, which are associated with unique IDs for facilitating packet communications with the plurality of packet communication clients; and
  - b) establishing packet communications with each of the plurality of packet communication clients via at least one packet communication interface, the packet communications for each of the plurality of packet communication clients associated with a corresponding one of the IDs.

23. The method of claim 22 further comprising providing a single interface for each of the plurality of packet communication clients.
- 5 24. The method of claim 23 wherein the user can select which combination of packet communication client is active at any given time.
25. The method of claim 23 further comprising combining certain communication information associated with the packet communications for each of the plurality of packet communication clients into a common database and making the communication information available to a user via the user interface.
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26. The method of claim 23 further comprising storing certain communication information associated with the packet communications for each of the plurality of packet communication clients in separate databases and make the communication information available to a user via the user interface.
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27. The method of claim 26 further comprising combining certain of the communication information associated with the packet communications for each of the plurality of packet communication clients into a common database and making the communication information available to the user via the user interface.
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28. The method of claim 22 further comprising registering each of the plurality of packet communication clients with at least one service node to enable communications.
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29. The method of claim 28 further comprising registering certain of the plurality of packet communication clients with different service nodes.
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30. The method of claim 22 wherein a first of the plurality of packet communication clients is associated with a personal communication ID

and a second of the plurality of packet communication clients is associated with a business related communication ID.

- 5      31.      The method of claim 22 further comprising providing at least one communication interface to facilitate wireless communications.
32.      The method of claim 22 further comprising providing at least one communication interface to facilitate wired communications.
- 10     33.      The method of claim 22 further comprising providing a cellular communication client associated with at least one cellular directory number and establishing cellular communications with the cellular communication client.
- 15     34.      The method of claim 22 further comprising providing at least one non-packet communication client associated with a directory number and establishing non-packet communications with the at least one non-packet communication client.
- 20     35.      The method of claim 34 further comprising providing a common interface for each of the plurality of packet communication clients and the at least one non-packet communication client.
- 25     36.      The method of claim 35 further comprising combining certain communication information associated with the packet and non-packet communications for each of the plurality of packet communication clients and the at least one non-packet communication client into a common database and making the communication information available to a user via the user interface.
- 30     37.      The method of claim 35 further comprising storing certain communication information associated with the packet and non-packet communications for each of the plurality of packet communication clients and the at least one non-packet communication client in

separate databases and making the communication information available to a user via the user interface.

- 5 38. The method of claim 37 further comprising combining certain of the communication information associated with the packet and non-packet communications for each of the plurality of packet communication clients and the at least one non-packet communication client into a common database and making the communication information available to the user via the user interface.
- 10 39. The method of claim 38 wherein the communication information includes at least one of the group consisting of call logs, messages, contact information, and directory information.
- 15 40. The method of claim 22 wherein the unique IDs are Session Initiation Protocol IDs.
- 20 41. The system of claim 22 wherein different ones of the packet communication sessions are established through different access points at different locations.
- 25 42. The system of claim 22 wherein each of the plurality of packet communication clients may initiate and terminate communication sessions.